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THE DORMITORY AT WILBERFORCE IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Historical Building of Famous Ohio School Which Has Contributed So Largely to Race Education Goes Up in Smoke

LOSS RUNS INTO THOUSANDS

Two Hundred Male Students Are Without Homes and Many Lose Clothing and Personal Belongings. Prompt Aid Offered

WILBERFORCE, O., Dec. 22.—Shorter Hall at Wilberforce University, was completely destroyed by fire, Wednesday night, December 7th.

From an investigation on the part of the authorities at the University, and also on the part of the State Fire Marshal's Office, it appears that the fire must have started from defective wiring in the attic of the north wing of the building. The fire was discovered by students who were returning to the building from weekly prayer service which was conducted at Galloway Hall, at the other side of the campus.

President J. A. Greeg, who conducted the prayer meeting, and Secretary Jenkins who lives directly across from the building, were the first officials in the building after the alarm was sounded. They directed the few boys who were already striving to put out the fire. They were soon joined by Superintendent Berry, Bishop J. H. Jones, Dean Jones, W. A. Anderson and other members of the faculty and friends from the neighborhood. Had there been adequate fire fighting apparatus on hand the building might have been saved. Appeals for help were sent to nearby towns but none would respond, and the authorities at Xenia, the nearest town, when called upon, refused to come.

Everything possible was done to save the building and when it finally became certain it was doomed, the boys were directed to save whatever they could. Very little was salvaged, however, which left a total loss of several thousand dollars and two hundred boys without homes, and many of them without clothing.

Superintendent Berry and Dean Woodson very generously threw open the doors of their departments, and a committee called by President Greeg, including Bishop Jones and the heads of departments, was able to plan on the housing of students and the care of the college department, whose class rooms were on the first floor of Shorter.

EVIL OF PEONAGE NOT YET CRUSHED SAYS DAUGERTY

(Special to Monitor)
(By Walter J. Singleton)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—The annual report of Attorney General Daugherty has just been published, and contains some statements that will excite wide comment. It is frankly admitted, in this report, that peonage still exists, to some extent in the southern states. IN OTHER WORDS—THE SLAVE DAYS ARE NOT OVER.

The report reads in part as follows:

"The victims are almost always extremely poor, ignorant and friendless," said Daugherty. "Many times it appears that county officers conspire with the employers to force these unfortunates into bondage, which is worse than outright slavery."

The attorney general said federal agents have been instructed to stop the practice and several cases have successfully been prosecuted.

Propagandists Busy
"Som of the cases in the hundreds of those reported received have been extremely aggravated and in several instances the poor victims have been murdered when it was discovered by the employer that this bureau was conducting an investigation." Daugherty said.

"In such cases bureau agents have been instructed to work with the state authorities, and convictions for murder have resulted in some instances. The very helplessness of this class of citizens impels the bureau to proceed with all possible vigor, and the salutary effect is beginning to appear."

KELLY-BUCKNER WEDDING

Zion Baptist church was filled last Saturday night by friends of the contracting parties to witness the marriage of Miss Mary Buckner to LeRoy Kelly. The church was artistically decorated with palms. Prior to the ceremony Miss Mattie Hendrix sang an appropriate solo. To the strains of the Lohengrin wedding march, played by Miss Irene Cochran, the bridal party entered the main auditorium, the groom, accompanied by his attendants, Hubert Glover and Harold Bentley, from the men's parlor; and the bride, preceded by her maid of honor, Miss Emmeretta Jackson; bridesmaid, Miss Gladys Ratliff; the ring bearer, little Olive Jackson, and the flower girl, little Elretta Gustin, coming from the ladies' parlor, on the arm of Mr. Shaw. All members of the bridal party were handsomely gowned; the bride wearing also bridal wreath and veil and carrying a showery bouquet of roses. The Rev. W. F. Botts performed the ceremony. A reception followed at the residence of the groom's mother. The gifts were many and beautiful.

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP

THE DEACON

The services Christmas Day will be Holy Communion at 7:30; full morning service and eucharist at 11 o'clock—evening prayer and sermon at 8 o'clock.

The Christmas tree and party for the children will be held in the Guild Room on Wednesday, the Feast of the Holy Innocents at 8 o'clock. The holy communion will be celebrated at 7 a. m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, being the Feasts of St. Stephen, St. John the Evangelist and the Holy Innocents, respectively.

The annual bazaar and dinner given by the Woman's Auxiliary last Thursday was a marked success from every point of view.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Newby left Saturday for an extensive eastern and southern trip, including Chicago, Nashville, Huntsville and Birmingham, Ala. They will stop in St. Louis and Kansas City on their return. They expect to be gone for two months.

BADLY WOUNDED, IS TAKEN FROM HOSPITAL AND LYNCHED

Victim Alleged Strike Breaker Who Was Charged With Shooting Two Pickets In Altercation Over Work

NURSE VAINLY PLEADS with mob

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 22.—While the conflict between the packers and striking stock yards employees raged throughout the country, with varying degrees of violence, it remained for Texas to resort to the favorite Southern form of outlawry and lynch Fred Rouse, a packing house employee who was being used as a strike breaker.

Shot Two Pickets
Rouse was beaten and left for dead upon the streets after he had shot two pickets who had attempted to prevent him from entering the stock yards during the strike. After being left for dead by the mob he was picked up and taken to the city hospital.

When it was learned that he had not died, thirty men called at the hospital and demanded him. Attached first refused to surrender their patient, but finally submitted when told by the mob that he would be taken by force if necessary.

Rouse made a desperate effort to fight the members of the party as he was being dragged from the hospital, but he was weakened by loss of blood from his previous beating.

Twenty minutes later his body was found dangling from a tree by Chief of Police Hamilton.

Lynched in Nightshirt
He was dressed only in his night-shirt, which was torn and bloody, and his body riddled with bullets. He was hanged to the same tree from which Tom Vickery was lynched just a year ago.

When the mob entered the hospital a nurse pleaded with them to wait until he had recovered from his wounds but one of the lynchers answered that "he was going to die anyhow, so it didn't make any difference."

ATLANTA Y. M. C. A.

NEARS COMPLETION

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 22.—The colored Y. M. C. A. here has been under construction for some time, and now is about ready for occupancy. A campaign for \$10,000 for completion and furnishings has been launched.



Now, after many patient weeks,
The kiddies have their tree:
They scamper out of bed in haste
And romp down-stairs in glee!
A wonder comes into their eyes
As hand in hand they gaze,
To try to understand old Kris
And his mysterious ways.

NOTICE—The Executive Board of the New Era Baptist Association of Nebraska will hold its quarterly meeting Tuesday following the first Sunday in January. All members are asked to be present. Business of importance. Churches are urged to see that their apportionment be paid at that meeting. Remember the date—Jan. 3, 1922. Rev. W. F. BOTTIS, Moderator.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 20.—A message was received by St. John's lodge No. 11 A. F. & A. M. from Geo. B. Christensen, Jr. Sec'y to the Pres., assuring the Brethren that the president had given approval to the "Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill" as reported to the house.

The Mission Circle and matinee Club will give a Musical Thursday night, Jan. 5, at Zion Baptist church. Music will be furnished by the U. B. Band.

Big Shoe Sale
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THIRTY-EIGHT HAVE BEEN MOB VICTIMS DURING BILL DEBATE

Striking And Convincing Evidence
Why Dyer Anti-Lynching Measure Should Become Law

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Since the introduction of the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill in Congress on April 11, 1921, there have been 38 persons murdered by mobs in the United States, of whom two were burned, four bodies being publicly burned after lynching. One of those lynched was a colored woman. Three were white men.

Since the Dyer bill was favorably reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, on October 31, 1921, there have been seven lynchings, one body being publicly burned, in Helena, Arkansas.

Among the causes assigned for these lynchings are the following:

1. A colored man called to inquire of a white girl why she had not replied to a note he had written to her. He was lynched for this offense.
2. An old man was accused of assisting a man to escape.
3. Two colored men were lynched for aiding a third to escape.
4. One colored woman was thrown from a bridge and drowned for assisting a colored man to escape.

Georgia leads in the list of lynchings since the Dyer bill was introduced, having had 10. Mississippi is second with 7, South Carolina third, with 5, Louisiana fourth, with 4, and Arkansas and Texas each have 3.

Mrs. Charles Hemphill of 2706 Lake St. is now confined to Nicholas Hospital where she underwent an operation for appendicitis. The operation was successful and the patient is now improving.

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COLORED YOUTH IS STAR PLAYER ON TEAM

Cleveland Tech Cannot Take Him to Texas and Therefore Decline To Go Without Him

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 16.—East Tech football players Thursday refused to play Bryan, Texas, High School in the annual inter-sectional grid classic. They refused to accept the challenge after first agreeing to it.

The reason is that they could not take Big John Trice, their star tackle, with them. Trice is colored, and is one of the greatest football players ever developed in this section.

He is to East Tech what the famous Fritz Pollard was to Brown University, what Shellbuprne was to Dartmouth and what "Duke" Slater is to Iowa.

Trice could not go to Bryan without being embarrassed and members of the team voted unanimously to reject the long trip during the holidays.

"He gave us the best he had—we owe it to him," said one member of the team.

Faculty Manager Gordon B. Frost then sent Coach C. B. Hudson at Bryan a telegram telling him that the trip was impossible.

COLORED COMMERCIAL CLUB

The Colored Commercial Club will entertain Troop 23 Boy Scouts Monday night at the Club rooms. Refreshments for the occasion were given at a meeting of the Executive Committee, Tuesday night, at which time also the respective committees of the club were appointed and confirmed. The Club has a live program outlined for the coming year.

MIDNIGHT MASS

AT ST. BENEDICT'S

Midnight Mass will be celebrated Saturday, Christmas Eve in the chapel of the Community House of St. Benedict the Moor, 2415 Parker St. The Christmas tree will be held Monday with gifts for the Christ Child society. Public invited.

MARINES CHARGED WITH THE OUTRAGES AGAINST NATIVES

Alleged Atrocities In Haiti and Santo Domingo Are Being Probed by The Senatorial Commission Now On Ground

INDEPENDENCE IS DEMANDED

SANTO DOMINGO, (via naval radio) Dec. 16.—Stories of alleged military atrocities fill the record of the first 10 days' hearings by the senatorial commission investigating American occupation of Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Celicoow Rozier testified that on June 19, 1919, she saw her eight children, seven girls and one boy, killed by forces under Captain Becker.

Forced to Bury Body
Lidor Romain testified forces under Lieutenant Williams, beat his mother to death and then compelled him to bury the body.

Former Communal Magistrate Massade told the committee that these witnesses were probably friendly to the Cascos guerilla forces.

The senatorial commission arrived in Santo Domingo yesterday, after five days spent in the interior and a four-day hearing at Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The commission's progress through the island was marked with imposing demonstrations demanding abolition of martial law, independence and the restoration of constitutional prerogatives. Hearings were held at Santa Marc, Gonaives, Maisade, Cape Haitian and Hinche. Eight witnesses were heard at Hinche and 16 at Maisade.

Hereaux Belloni testified that in June, 1920, his father and mother were taken from their home at midnight and shot, and that their home was then burned.

Salvir Fleurin testified she saw her father, mother, sister and two young brothers shot.

Joaquin Nord gave a detailed account of the killing of his wife.

"What does Santo Domingo want?" demanded Senator Pomreane in opening today's hearing of former American Minister, Francisco Peyando.

"Our independence with the assurance of American friendship," he replied. "That's all we want."

ANTI LYNCHING BILL UP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—After a bitter fight the house voted to take up the Dyer anti-lynching bill under a rule limiting general debate to ten hours. Leaders, however, have agreed that the measure will not be pressed to a final vote before the Christmas recess.

WAR DEPARTMENT OPPOSES CLEMENCY FOR THE SOLDIERS

Efforts On Behalf of Members Of Twenty-Fourth Infantry Serving Prison Sentences Meets Decided Opposition

WAR SECRETARY STATES WHY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—Colored citizens throughout the country are up in arms against the opposition furnished by the War Department in granting clemency to the sixty-three former members of the Twenty-fourth Infantry, who are in prison on a charge of participating in the Houston riots of August, 1917.

The decision of the War Department was made public Thursday when Secretary Weeks wrote to Chairman Kahn of the House Military Committee.

"The only reason clemency has not been extended and is not now recommended," Weeks stated, "is that on account of the offenses of which these men clearly were guilty they are not entitled to such clemency."

Secretary Weeks then reported that fifty-eight of the 110 men convicted of participating in the riots were serving life sentences, while five others were in prison serving sentences of fifteen years each. Of the remainder, nineteen were executed, six had died in confinement and the rest either have served out their terms or have been granted clemency.

Th resolution, introduced by Representative Anthony, Republican, of Kansas, recalled the famous cases of 1917, and it was believed that a close investigation into the War Department records would place a new light on the alleged hasty and summary conviction of the men.

The measure is for the purpose of determining whether or not the men were convicted on circumstantial evidence, and if so, how far fetched.

LINCOLN, NEB. (W. W. Mosley)

Mrs. Pinkie Porter and Mr. Frank Burden were united in marriage last Thursday and have gone to housekeeping.

Messrs. R. H. Young, C. T. Denton and H. M. Hill were Omaha visitors Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. I. B. Smith spent Saturday and Sunday at Emporia, Kans., this week. Grandma West was reported on the sick list the past week.

Rev. H. M. Botts was called to Plattsburg, Mo., Monday, where he preached the funeral of a former member of his church, while there.

Mrs. Alma Wiley and Mrs. Gertrude Bush will spend Christmas holidays at their former homes in Missouri.

Mr. Ben Colder left Monday for his home in Missouri to remain until the spring.

Services were held at usual hours at the A. M. E. Church last Sunday. Rev. Mr. McClendon filled his pulpit. The Sunday School held at usual hour. Vital points were brought out of lessons. The Sunday School hold their Christmas tree and exercises on next Saturday night.

Rev. W. A. McClendon and members of the A. M. E. will join in union watch meeting services with Rev. H. W. Botts and his members at Mt. Zion Baptist church Saturday night, Dec. 31st. All are invited. Meeting starts at about 10 o'clock.

Lebanon Lodge No. 3 A. F. & A. M. are preparing for a big jollification on Sts. John Day, Dec. 27. Masons take notice.

Election of officers in the D't's of Isis occurred some days ago and the following were named: Mrs. Grace Stanley, Illus. Commandress; Mrs. Mary Williams, Illust. 1st Lieut. Commandress; Mrs. A. G. Smith, Illust. 2nd Lieut. Commandress; Mrs. L. B. Alexander, Illust. Treas.; Mrs. J. R. Thomas, Illust. Recorder.

Sunday school was held at 10 a. m., at Mt. Zion Sunday, lessons were interesting; Rev. Botts preached morning and night; other services were held as usual. The Sunday School will hold their Christmas tree Saturday night with appropriate exercises.

DEAR READERS:—As the year 1921 draws to a close, I thank those who have taken or have an interest in what I have been trying to do for the Monitor. And, as you well know, there is nothing that can run without assistance either in words, deeds or money.

Therefore, hoping that when the New Year appears, will you lend some of these things.

Again, I wish you and all, A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours,
WILLIS W. MOSLEY